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director of the institute of bacteriology, who on the morning of the same day had arrived from Oporto, where he had been about a month engaged in studying the nature and symptoms of the plague.

The authorities at once issued orders for the measures prescribed by science to be adopted, and proceeded to disinfect the residence of the patient, and to isolate the whole of the premises, as well as the other tenants, who were conveyed to the lazaretto.

J. H. THIERIOT.

SPAIN.

*Vessels inspected at Barcelona.*

BARCELONA, SPAIN, *November 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report having inspected the following-named Spanish steamers:

Date.	Vessel.	No. of passengers.		Bound for—
		Cabin.	Steerage.	
Nov. 4	Leon XIII.....	25	13	Manila.
Nov. 7	Miguel Jover.....	62	113	Porto Rico and Cuba.
Nov. 10	Montevideo.....	96	27	Do.
Nov. 15	Catalina.....	37	64	Do.

I found the vessels crews, food, and water supply in good condition, as prescribed by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury. I further beg to report that I instructed the captain of the steamship *Catalina* to have the walls of the steerage compartments of his vessel white-washed.

Respectfully,

HENDERSON RIDER,  
*Vice and Deputy Consul-General.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

TURKEY.

*A case of plague in Trieste.*

[Report 233.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *November 4, 1899.*

At the last sitting of the superior council of health 2 official communications of the most important character were made. It was the question of a case of plague which has occurred in Trieste. The boatswain of the Ottoman liner *Polis Mytilini* fell ill on October 27 with symptoms of bronchitis. At first the case was considered as simple bronchitis, but on November 1 the above-mentioned boatswain was obliged to enter the hospital, where he died on the 4th instant. The post-mortem as well as the bacteriological examination has ascertained a case of plague. As will be seen by the French copy of said communication, which I have the honor to forward, the steamship *Polis Mytilini* has not been to Egyptian waters for three years, and the late boatswain had not quitted the vessel for ten years. At said sitting it was decided to make a further inquiry in order to know what kind of merchandise and from where embarked in said steamship *Polis Mytilini*.

I have the honor to inclose herein the last news concerning the outbreak of cholera in the Province of Bassorah.

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO,  
*U. S. Sanitary Commissioner.*